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BOWLES: SENATOR KENNEDY INTEREST

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SEPTEMBER 13 HANDED CONSULAR OFFICER (AT MINISTRY ON CONSULAR BUSINESS) PLAIN SHEET OF PAPER WITH FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING TREATMENT FOR BOWLES BROTHERS.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT. IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW TO THE USSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF AUGUST 5, 1976 (03.40), ABOUT RENDERING ASSISTANCE IN TREATMENT OF THE U.S. CITIZENS KENNETH AND BRIAN BOWLES WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY:

3. THE CONSULTATION AT THE HELMOHTZ INSTITUTE CAN BE PROVIDED FOR THE AILING BOWLES BROTHERS AND OFTEN MEDICAL CONSULTATION, HOSPITAL TREATMENT CAN BE PROVIDED IF NECESSARY.

4. THE USSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH DOES NOT OBJECT TO PROVIDING CONSULTATION AT THE INSTITUTE FOR THE ILL BROTHERS AND IF IT IS FOUND NECESSARY HOSPITAL TREATMENT FREE OF CHARGE UNDER STANDARD CONDITIONS IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1976.

5. NO EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH TRANSPORTATION OF THE ILL
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BROTHERS TO AND FROM THE USSR, THEIR STAY IN THE USSR, THEIR

BEING MET, PROVIDED WITH HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, INTERPRETER SERVICE OR OTHER EXPENSES WILL BE ASSUMED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

6. ON ARRIVAL OF THE ILL BROTHERS IN MOSCOW THEY SHOULD GO TO RACHMANOVSKIY PEREULOK 3, ROOM 528 (TELEPHONE: 225-26-76) TO OBTAIN THEIR PERMIT FOR TREATMENT AT THE INSTITUTE. END TEXT.

7. ORIGINAA OF STATEMENT BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV/EXCHANGES UNDER REGISTRY NUMBER 3223131.

8. FROM FORMAT OF RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR TREATMENT, SCI OFFICE SUPPOSES SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN SENT THE SAME MESSAGE. THE INFORMATION, THEREFORE, MAY NOT BE NEWS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE OR THE BOWLES FAMILY.

9. FYI: THE AGUST 5 LETTER REFERRED TO IN SOVIET TEXT WAS ADDRESSED TO DR. L.I. MALYSHEV, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, AND REQUESTED A PROMPT REPLY TO BOWLES REQUEST FOR TREATMENT IN THE USSR. BOWLES HAD ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND DIRECTLY WITH HELMHOLTZ INSTITUTE AS WELL. END FYI.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE ASK THAT BOWLES FAMILY KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF THEIR TRAVEL PLANS AND TELEPHONE SCI OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW.

10. KENNETH F. BOWLE'S ADDRESS IS 1170 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138.
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